

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Tribal Liaison]

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Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2004 12:40:04 -0900

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Subject:Re: Tribal Liaison

Date:Wed, 28 Jan 2004 12:21:38 -0900

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Hi Jon-

Thank you for your reply. I appreciate your sincere efforts and assistance to the tribal transportation issues. I know that you attend many, if not all, of the transportation meetings that are convened here in Anchorage and statewide.

I will certainly contact you if we should need assistance, and that need may arise if our Landfill Road and North Road plans grow into reality.

Again, many thanks!

Sincerely,

David Matsuno

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Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2004 11:58 AM

Subject: Tribal Liaison

Good Morning David,

I received a copy of the email you sent to Eric Taylor regarding your request for the appointment of a Tribal Liaison position at ADOT&PF. We also believe this is an excellent idea and have suggested that such a position be created if the Denali Commission receives funding from Congress to implement a rural roads program. It is felt that this is the only economically viable way the department can implement such a position and there are substantial benefits in associating this position with the rural roads program.

This is not to say that there is no current need for such a position, just that the reality of our current budget situation has significantly reduced our opportunity to implement this position. With 229 tribes in Alaska, the need is great. In the mean time, my office has been working with tribes to coordinate some of their efforts with the department and have tried to provide assistance when requested. I believe you may have attended our session on Partnering for Alaska Native Employment in Anchorage last year where we spoke of the cooperative effort our office has undertaken to work with tribal governments. I also serve as the ADOT&PF representative on the FHWA funded Alaska Tribal Technical Assistance Program coordinated by Eastern Washington University which provides tribal transportation training and technical assistance to Alaska's tribal governments. So if I can be of assistance while we await a decision on the funding of a departmental tribal liaison, please

let me know.

I am available at 269-0850 in Anchorage or 1 800 770 6236 statewide, should you have any further questions about this matter.

Jon Dunham

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January 28, 2004

Local Consultation Process
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Dear Mr. Taylor:

I would like to comment on the Tribal Consultation Process. We, at UTV (Ugashik Traditional Village), would like to see a Tribal Liason position created at ADOT&PF, similar to the ones at CALTRANS and Washington State DOT. This would help to facilitate the communication efforts between the State of Alaska, the BIA, and Alaska Tribes concerning transportation.

Thank you for considering our point of view on these important issues.

Sincerely,
David Matsuno - Roads Planner